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STILL RISING AT HELENA.

THE HIGH-WATER MARK OF 1882 PASSED.

Breaks in the Levees at Arkansas City and Below Friars Point.—Another Dangerous Point.

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HELENA, ARK., April 26.—Today, at 12 o'clock, the Mississippi river at this point reached the high-water mark of 1882, having risen in the twenty-four hours ending at that time fifteen inches. It has steadily continued to rise since at the rate of one-half inch per hour, now being four inches above the highest water ever known. The fact of the river getting to high water at the time it did demonstrated better than anything could have done the wonderful calculations made by Col. Miles, he having predicted seven days ago that the stage of the river would be to-day at noon to the high-water mark, and that it would continue to rise six feet higher if the levees did not give way. All of the government engineers and quite a number of the local press, who saw fit to characterize Col. Miles as a crank, and crazy as a loon on account of these predictions, will now be forced to take a back seat and admit that he knows more about the Mississippi river than any living man. He has saved the planters of the Mississippi Valley

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by forewarning them, and many serious losses could have been averted had his advice been taken. The two boats Lioness passed up this evening and stopped here and reported that a large break had occurred at Arkansas City, Ark., and that the Anchor Line boat Belle Memphis had been drawn into the crevasse. The officials of the boat stated that they had made an effort to pull her out of the crevasse, but had failed, and came off and left her, but that the steamer Billy Ezell and Natchez had gone to her rescue. From Fred Nicholson, a white man, and three colored men who came to Helena this evening about 6 o'clock, it was learned that the levee had broken on the Mississippi side, four miles below Friars Point, at the Stovall place. There is a large force of men at work on the levee at Delta, Miss., but a gentleman from that place this evening stated that if the river continued to rise at the rate that it is now, for twenty hours, it would be impossible for the levee to stand, and it would have to go. About fifty men are at work near Trotter's Landing. About five miles above Helena, on the Mississippi side,

ANOTHER NEW DANGEROUS PLACE.

as the full current of the great rush of water out of the St. Francis sets against it, but those at work there are more sanguine and think they can hold it. The L'Angeville at Marianna is rising at the rate of an inch an hour. The levee protecting Helena are all in good condition and no danger is apprehended from them. It is more than probable, however, that the town will be flooded with back-water, as the levee between here and Castle crasse, in several places, some of them near the town, to-day at 12 o'clock did not lack but five inches of being over. As the river has risen four inches since that time, it is almost a dead certainty that they will get the other inch to-day, unless the river should come to a stand, which is impossible from the amount of water still in the St. Francis bottoms.

THE MAYERVILLE CHUTE AGAIN OPEN.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—A dispatch from Vicksburg to the Times-Belmont says: The government cutting in the chute opposite Mayerville, which had a rack of driftwood resting against it 800 feet long, 100 wide and from 10 to 15 feet deep, gave way Friday evening and went crashing down the chute, tearing out snags and other obstructions. When last seen it was drifting intact past Lake Providence. This will leave a clear channel into Mayerville for the first time since 1877. The water has commenced to cut out a deep channel around the island, which is rapidly coming into the river. Rapid carving of the banks is reported at Wilkerson's Landing and Shiloh.

A special from Vicksburg says: News reached here to-day that the levee had broken Sunday night somewhere in Coahoma county. The report created much uneasiness. At 4 o'clock p.m. to-day the agent telegraphed from Brice Station that there had been a small break in the levee at the mouth of Harris's bayou and another some miles below, but that the damage had been repaired.

A special from Greenville, Miss., says: The levee of the Mississippi side is reported broken about five miles south of Friars Point. This morning the gap was fifty feet wide and five feet deep, and the water was pouring through with a tremendous force.

A telephone message was also received from Sanflower Landing that the levee had been cut during Sunday night at Sanflower Landing. This will undoubtedly all the Sanflower country, part of Helena county and a small part of Washington county. Owing to the severe storm along the river last night, telephone communication was somewhat interrupted and further details could not be obtained. The utmost vigilance is being exercised by the levee authorities of this district.

A special from Helena, Ark., says the river rose one and one-fourth feet from 1 o'clock yesterday to 1 o'clock today, making the water one inch higher than ever before known. At 6 o'clock p.m. the water was four inches above the high-water mark of 1882 and rising half an inch an hour. Seven miles south of Helena the water only lacked one inch of running over the levee at noon to-day. The river from that point to the Gulf has been above the

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Deputy Marshal R. C. Gordon says that about midnight several men, dressed like burglars, visited the home of Pardon, and after breaking down the door commenced firing at Pardon, who was in bed. The first man who fired missed his aim, the shot taking effect in the ceiling. The second charged loaded the shot under the bed and set fire to the mattress. The third man shot Pardon in the shoulder, eight shots taking effect. In this condition Pardon reached for his pistol and commenced firing. He shot three men in the house, two of them falling in the door. The third retreated. At this juncture the leader was heard to say: "Let's get away from here, boys. At this the gang left, dragging with them one of the men who was shot in the house. As soon as possible after the retreat commenced Pardon picked up his shotgun and pursued them. He was too weak from loss of blood to follow far, but gave them a paring shot as they were disappearing down the street, bringing another man to the ground.

CLARK'S RECORD.

The only man left in the house was Mack Clark. He was shot by Pardon through the stomach. Clark belongs to a good family. He is the proprietor of a legal distillery, but it is said he has been dealing in crooked whiskey for some time. Clark lives at Hillsboro. Deputy Marshal Gordon says the moonshiners were mad with Pardon because he had been in the employ of Deputy Collector Hughes for some time past in seeking out wild distilleries. Pardon accompanied Deputy Marshal Gordon on a raid recently. James Barnes of Hillsboro was also along, and Deputy Marshal Gordon says he has no doubt that the gang killed Barnes last night before coming to Manchester. Deputy Marshal Gordon says Manchester is a dangerous town and some time ago the ladies there offered a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of parties engaged in the liquor traffic. Several persons were recently detected and reported, and it is thought these men and their friends were in the disguised party that visited Pardon's house last night. Hillsboro is about eight miles from Manchester. Deputy Marshal Clark cannot live through the day. He was asked by the Sheriff this morning, who accompanied him, but he refused to give his name away. He said he would die rather than expose his friends. Clark has always been considered a man of true grit. He was tried and acquitted in the civil courts a few years since for murder.

THE EXCITEMENT INTENSE.

The reporter saw a shop Harrowe who passed through Manchester this morning. He stated that the excitement at Manchester was intense and that it was thought three of the masked men had died of the wounds inflicted by Pardon in his terrific and unequal fight with them. When Mack Clark was picked up he was clutching a double-barreled shotgun, with one barrel cocked and his finger on the trigger. Mrs. Pardon took the gun from him.

DRIVEN OUT BY THE STRIKERS.

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